

Journal
of the
Seventeenth Session
of the
Synod of the Diocese
of Athabasca



High Prairie
Wednesday and Thursday
The 15th and 16th days of July
1936

List of Clergy and Lay Workers

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Henry Sovereign, F.R.G.S., M.A., D.D., Bishop's Lodge,
Peace River, Alberta.

CLERGY

The Ven. Archdeacon Robert Little, D.D., All Saints', Athabasca, Alberta.
The Rev. Canon W. E. Harrison, St. James' Pro-Cathedral, Peace River, Alta.
The Rev. Canon R. J. Pierce, B.A., L.Th., Christ Church, Grande Prairie, Alta.
The Rev. W. B. Singleton, B.A., Indian Residential School, Hay River, N.W.T.
The Rev. Charles D. White, Indian Residential School, Atikameg, Alberta.
The Rev. Gordon Eustace Bratt, Christ Church, Berwyn, Alberta.
The Rev. Hugh Witticks Lamberton, St. Luke's, Fort Vermilion, Alberta.
The Rev. Edward Linfoot, L.Th., St. Mark's, High Prairie, Alberta.
The Rev. G. A. Crawley, B.A., R.D., St. Paul's, Chipewyan, Alberta.
The Rev. Herbert Ernest Webb, St. Alban's Church, Sexsmith, Alberta.
The Rev. K. L. Sandercock, B.A., Indian Residential School, Wabasca, Alta.
The Rev. Arthur F. Le Dieu, B.A., L.Th., St. Matthew's, Wembley, Alberta.
The Rev. William Prior, B.A., St. Helen's Church, Fairview, Alberta.
The Rev. R. Lang, B.A., Church of the Good Shepherd, Mirror Landing, Alta.
The Rev. Sidney W. Semple, St. Luke's Church, Beaverlodge, Alberta.
The Rev. Thomas Dale Jones, St. Andrew's Church, Colinton, Alberta.
The Rev. John W. Donaldson, B.A., St. Andrew's, Spirit River, Alberta.
The Rev. Frank Edward Smith, St. Simon's Church, Clear Hills, Alberta.
The Rev. Henry L. Jennings, B.A., Trinity Church, Fort Norman, N.W.T.
The Rev. Sidney George West, St. John's Church, Fort McMurray, Alberta.
The Rev. Samuel James Bell, Hines Creek, Alberta.
The Rev. Francis Ridley Groat, B. A., Fort Smith, N.W.T.

On Leave:—

The Rev. C. Franklin Clarke, M.A.

The Rev. Hubert Doody, B.A.

Retired:—

The Rev. Canon William Grove White.

EXAMINING CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Canon R. J. Pierce, B.A., L.Th., Christ Church, Grande Prairie.

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Hugh Witticks Lamberton, St. Luke's Church, Fort Vermilion, Alta.

RURAL DEANS

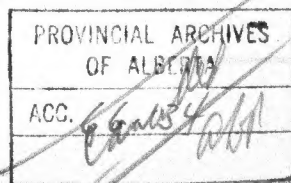
Mackenzie River—The Rev. G. A. Crawley, B.A., Fort Chipewyan, Alberta.
Athabasca—Ven. Archdeacon Little, D.D., Athabasca, Alberta.
Grande Prairie—The Rev. Canon R. J. Pierce, B.A., L.Th., Grande Prairie.
Peace River—The Rev. Canon W. E. Harrison, Peace River, Alberta.

LAY READERS

Mr. H. A. George, Peace River; Captain A. E. Roberts, Wembley; Mr. F. M. Sanger Davies, Grande Prairie; Mr. E. V. Bergin, Clairmont; Mr. Thomas Smart, Three Lakes, Grimshaw; Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Peace River; Mr. S. Young, Peace River; Mr. Harvie Yellowknee, Wabasca; Mr. Benjamin Billy Whitford, Whitefish Lake (Atikameg); Mr. Arthur Funnell, Beaverlodge; Mr. J. Wheeler, Beaverlodge; Mr. R. C. Robson, Beaverlodge; Mr. Thomas Hewlett, Athabasca; Mr. J. W. Reynolds, Whitefish Lake (Atikameg).

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His Honour, Judge Bury, M.A., Bank of Toronto Bldg., Edmonton, Alta.



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Mr. Dixon Craig, K.C., Macleod Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

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The Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign, D.D. (Chairman).

The Ven. Archdeacon Little, D.D., (Treasurer).

The Rev. Canon W. E. Harrison (Secretary).

The Rev. Canon R. J. Pierce, B.A., L. Th.

Chancellor Bury, M.A.

Registrar Craig, K.C.

Dr. F. H. Sutherland, M.B., M.D.

HONORARY SECRETARY OF SYNOD

The Rev. Canon W. E. Harrison, Peace River, Alberta.

AUDITOR

Mr. Norman Soars, Peace River, Alberta.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Mr. J. Douglas Paterson of Wycliffe College to Cherry Point.

Mr. J. Plowman of King's College to Grosmont.

Mr. W. Kibblewhite of Wycliffe College to Lac La Biche.

LADY WORKERS

The Wives of the Clergy.

The Misses McGovern and Probyn, St. Nicholas Caravan, Athabasca.

The Misses Phipps and Adamson, St. Alban's Caravan, Peace River.

The Misses Gibson and Brewis, St. Oswald Caravan, Fairview.

The Misses Martby and Barker, St. Wilfred Caravan, Grande Prairie.

The Misses Seaman, Wadilove and Staunton, St. Nicholas House, Fairview.
Whitefish Lake (Atikameg P.O.) St. Andrew's School; Mrs. Howe and Miss
M. Punchard.

Wabasca, St. John's School, Miss Keyes, Miss Scholes, Miss E. Call.

Hay River, N.W.T., St. Peter's School; Nurse W. Neville, Miss Sowden,
Miss F. Wilmont, Miss R. Hobbs, Miss A. F. Betts, Miss L. Topping.
Nurse E. Goddard, R.N.

Nurse Drummond-Hay, Mirror Landing, Alberta.

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IN CANADA.—Rev. J. W. Minto Swan, M.A., B.D., Vancouver, B.C.; Rev.
G. P. Gower, B.A., Edmonton, Alta.; Rev. Canon Henry Martin, L.Th.,
Winnipeg, Man.; Rt. Rev. R. J. Renison, M.A., D.D., Toronto, Ont.;
Rev. Prof. R. K. Naylor, M.A., Montreal, P. Q.; Ven. Archdeacon
Savary, B.A., D.D., Halifax, N.S.

IN ENGLAND.—Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins, D.D., Wymondham, Norfolk; Rev.
F. Stone, M.A., Esplanade, Waterloo, Liverpool; Rev. B. F. Hinde
M.A., M.C., St. George's Vicarage, Favell Rd., Sheffield; Rev. J. Mervyn
Glass, M.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage, Cheltenham, Glos.

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First Day

High Prairie, Alta., July 15th, 1936.

Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Mark's Church at 9 a.m., The Lord Bishop of the Diocese being the Celebrant and assisted by the Venerable Archdeacon Little, D.D. and the Rector, the Rev. E. Linfoot, L.Th.

MORNING SITTING

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Henry Sovereign, F.R.G.S., M.A., D.D., Lord Bishop of Athabasca, having summoned the Seventeenth Session of Synod to meet in High Prairie on Wednesday, July fifteenth, one thousand nine hundred and thirty six, the members assembled in the Legion Hall at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the Bishop having called the meeting to order opened the Session with prayer.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy and the following being present answered to their names.

The Reverends.—Archdeacon Little, Canon Harrison, C. D. White, G. A. Crawley, E. Linfoot, Canon R. J. Pierce, K. L. Sandercock, W. Prior, A. F. Le Dieu, F. E. Smith, H. E. Webb, J. W. Donaldson, S. J. Bell, R. C. Lang, G. E. Bratt and T. D. Jones.

The following Clerical members of Synod were absent. The Reverends, H. W. Lamberton, S. W. Semple, H. L. Jennings, W. B. Singleton H. G. Cooke and H. Doody.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates and the following were present:—Messrs., J. D. Little, P. Cordingly and S. Alexander Colinton; E. Hitz, H. Dunster and J. Rennison, Athabasca; H. Yellowknee Wabasca; R. P. Butler and F. Pottage, High Prairie; S. Young, F. Richardson and T. E. McBride, Peace River; C. U'Ren, Berwyn; B. Auden, W. J. MacArthur and H. L. Christie, Fairview; F. Crighton, Hines Creek; E. V. Bergin, Clairmont; A. W. Smith, Lake Saskatoon.

No Lay Delegates came from Mirror Landing, Clear Hills Spirit River, Beaverlodge, Fort Vermilion, Fort McMurray or from the Mackenzie River Deanery.

The Secretary reported that sixteen Clerical and nineteen Lay Delegates were present, constituting a quorum of each order.

The Bishop declared the Synod constituted.

Canon Harrison was re-elected Honorary Secretary of Synod for the fourth consecutive session on the nomination of Mr. W. J. MacArthur and Mr. J. Rennison moved nominations closed.

Moved by Canon Harrison, seconded by Rev. W. Prior and Resolved "That the minutes of the 16th, Session of Synod, held in Grande Prairie on

July 18th. and 19th., 1934 and as printed in the Synod Journal be adopted."

The Committee on Credentials was elected in the persons of the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and Mr. H. L. Christie.

Moved by Archdeacon Little and seconded by Canon Harrison and Resolved, "That Rural Dean Pierce and Mr. S. Young act as Clerical and Lay Press Secretaries respectively."

The Bishop announced the promotion of the Rev. R. J. Pierce, B.A. L.Th., R.D., of Grande Prairie to the rank of Honorary Canon of the Diocese His Lordship then delivered his charge.—(Appendix A).

Moved by Canon Harrison, seconded by Rev. W. Prior and Resolved "That Principal Sandercock and Mr. B. Auden be elected a committee of two to consider the Bishop's Charge."

A telegram was received and read from the Rev. H. W. Lamberton conveying his greetings and best wishes to the Synod.

Moved by Canon Harrison and seconded by Rev. G. Bratt and Resolved, "That we accept and acknowledge Mr. Lamberton's telegram, expressing the regrets of this Synod that his remoteness prevented him from attending the session."

Moved by Mr. R. P. Butler and seconded by Mr. F. Richardson and Resolved, "That a Nomination Committee be elected." The election resulted in Canon Pierce, Canon Harrison and Mr. J. Rennison constituting the committee.

The Archdeacon took noon-day prayers at the request of the Bishop The Bishop requested the Diocesan Board of Religious Education to present its reports on the morrow. Vacancies on the Board caused by absentees were filled by the respective Rural Deans, resulting in the personnel of the Board being: The Rev. E. Linfoot and Mr. S. Young; the Rev. C. Lang and Mr. J. D. Little; the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and Mr. A. W. Smith.

Moved by the Rev. G. Bratt and seconded by Mr. J. D. Little and Resolved, "That the sitting be adjourned to allow the various committees to meet before luncheon."

First Day

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Synod re-assembled at 2 p.m. and the Bishop opened the sitting with prayer.

Canon Harrison introduced Mr. L. Fryer, a teacher and boy supervisor from Whitefish Lake Indian School and moved that he be given a seat on the floor of the Synod. This was granted by acclamation.

The Secretary of the Executive Committee, Canon Harrison, presented his report. Moved by the Rev. G. Bratt and seconded by the Rev. E. Linfoot and Resolved "That the Report of the Executive Committee be considered clause by clause."

The subject of a travelling allowance for the clergy was introduced by motions from the Vestry of St. Helen's, Fairview and from the Chapter of the Peace River Deanery. The Bishop stated that now that he had secured a minimum staff of clergy in the diocese the provision of a travelling allowance would be his next objective.

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and seconded by Canon Harrison and Resolved, "That the expenses of Synod be divided among the parishes in proportion to the number of lay delegates each parish is entitled to send and that the payments be spread over two years." The motion was lost.

Moved by Canon Harrison and seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler and

Resolved, "That the report of the Executive Committee be adopted as a whole."

Principal Sandercock presented the Report on the Bishop's Charge.

Archdeacon Little on behalf of himself and the clergy present expressed the warmest and deepest appreciation of the Bishop's deputation work in England and Eastern Canada. This appreciation was strongly endorsed on behalf of the laymen by Messrs. Butler, Young, MacArthur and Bergin. Principal Sandercock and Principal White both told of the warm place the Bishop held in the hearts of their Indian children and people.

Moved by the Rev. W. Prior, seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler and Resolved, "That we, as clergy and laity, pledge ourselves to do our utmost to raise the various apportionments assessed the respective parishes, thereby justifying the confidence of the Bishop and Executive Committee in the members of the Synod."

Moved by the Rev. E. Linfoot and seconded by the Rev. G. E. Bratt and Resolved, "That the Synod adjourn until Thursday morning."

Second Day

Holy Communion was celebrated in St. Mark's Church at 9 a.m. with Canon Harrison as Celebrant assisted by Canon Pierce and the Rector, the Rev. E. Linfoot.

MORNING SITTING

The Synod re-assembled at 10 a.m. The Bishop called the meeting to order and opened the sitting with prayer.

The Minutes of the first day of Synod were read and confirmed on the motion of Mr. R. P. Butler and seconded by Mr. H. Dunster.

The Rev. A. F. Le Dieu presented the Report of the Committee on Credentials, which found all certificates of election in order.

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and seconded by the Rev. E. Linfoot and Resolved, "That the Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted."

A telegram from the Rev. S. W. Semple and a letter from the Peace River Deanery Chapter were read and tabled.

The Report of the Committee on the Bishop's Charge was continued and completed by Principal Sandercock, who moved the adoption of the Report. seconded by Mr. J. D. Little.

The Report of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education was presented by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu.

Moved by Principal Sandercock and seconded by the Rev. T. D. Jones and Resolved, "That the Report of the D.B.R.E. be considered clause by clause."

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and seconded by the Rev. W. Prior and Resolved "That the D.B.R.E. concentrate on more intensive work in the various deaneries for the development of Sunday School work."

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and seconded by the Rev. E. Linfoot and Resolved, "That This Synod approves and encourages the system of memory work in which the D.B.R.E. will present a Bible to any young person in the Diocese, under twenty years of age, who has committed the following to memory: (The local clergyman to be the examiner.)

Bible Passages—Psalms 23 and 103. St. Matthew 5, 1-12 and 28:18- to the end. St. John 14:1-21.

Prayer Book—Jubilate (Psalm 100); Magnificat (St. Luke 1.46-55); Nunc Dimittis (St. Luke 2:29-32).

Collects—For Second Sunday in Advent, Whitsunday and Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Hymn No. 410.

Catechism—Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer and Ten Commandments My duty towards God and My duty towards my neighbour."

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and seconded by Principal Sandercock and Resolved, "That the D.B.R.E. encourage systems of regular Bible reading in all parishes."

The Rural Deans presented their reports; Canon Pierce for the Grande Prairie Deanery, Canon Harrison for Peace River Deanery, Archdeacon Little for Athabasca Deanery and Rural Dean Crawley for Mackenzie River Deanery. (Appendix B.)

Moved by the Rev. G. E. Bratt and seconded by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and Resolved, "That the Rural Deans' Reports be adopted."

The Financial Report was presented by the Treasurer, Archdeacon Little, on whose motion, seconded by the Rev. W. Prior, the Financial Report was received and adopted. (Appendix C.)

Moved by Mr. J. Rennison and seconded by Mr. F. Richardson and Resolved, "That the Synod adjourn for luncheon."

Second Day

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Synod having re-assembled at 2 p.m. the Bishop opened the sitting with prayer.

The minutes of the morning sitting were read and adopted on the motion of The Rev. T. D. Jones, seconded by Mr. F. Richardson.

Canon Harrison presented the Report of the Nominating Committee In the absence of further nominations His Lordship declared the following delegates duly elected:

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD:—Clerical: Archdeacon R. Little and Canon Harrison; Substitutes: Canon R. J. Pierce and the Rev. E. Linfoot. Lay: Dr. F. H. Sutherland and Chancellor Bury; Substitutes: Mr. Sanger Davies, Mr. J. Rennison and Mr. E. V. Bergin.

REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARDS OF THE M.S.C.C.; G.B.R.E. and C.S.S.: Clerical:—Archdeacon Little, Substitute, Canon Harrison; Lay:—Chancellor Bury, Substitute, Dr. Sutherland.

COMMITTEE ON CANONS AND RULES OF ORDER:—Archdeacon Little, Chancellor Bury, Registrar Craig and Mr. F. Pottage.

ELECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:—Canon Harrison, Canon Pierce and Dr. Sutherland.

DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Clerical:—The Rev. E. Linfoot, Rev. C. Lang and Rev. A. F. Le Dieu. Lay:—Messrs. S. Young, J. D. Little and A. W. Smith.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL SYNOD: Further nominations necessitated a ballot. The Bishop appointed the Rev. C. Lang and Rural Dean Crawley to act as scrutineers, and after the balloting His Lordship declared the following duly elected: Clerical:—Archdeacon Little, Canon Pierce, Rev. E. Linfoot, and Rev. G. A. Crawley. Substitutes; Rev. W. Prior, Rev. T. D. Jones, Rev. A. F. Le Dieu and Rev. J. W. Donaldson. Lay:—Chancellor Bury, Messrs. W. J. MacArthur, F. Pottage and S. Young; Substitutes; Messrs. J. Rennison, J. D. Little, Capt. A. E. Roberts and R. C. Robson.

The Report of the Laymen's Association was presented by the secretary, Mr. F. Richardson. (Appendix D).

Moved by the Rev. W. Prior, and seconded by the Rev. E. Linfoot and Resolved "That the Report of the Laymen's Association be received and considered clause by clause."

Moved by the Rev. W. Prior, seconded by Principal C. D. White and Resolved, "That the Report of the Laymen's Association be adopted as a whole."

On behalf of St. James' Parish, Peace River, Canon Harrison extended an invitation to the Synod to convene at Peace River for the next session in 1938. The invitation was accepted on the motion of the Rev. G. E. Bratt and seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler.

Moved by the Rev. A. F. Le Dieu, seconded by the Rev. W. Prior and Resolved, "That the motion from the Chapter of the Peace River Deanery recommending that a uniform Certificate of Baptism be prepared and provided for use in the diocese be acted upon."

A telegram was received from the Rev. S. W. Semple and the Beaverlodge Lay Delegates sending greetings and regrets that bad roads had prevented their attendance at Synod.

Moved by Canon Harrison and seconded by Mr. F. Richardson and Resolved, "That the telegram from the Beaverlodge delegates be acknowledged with thanks and regrets at their absence."

Moved by Archdeacon Little and seconded by Canon Pierce and Resolved, "That this Synod vote an honorarium of twenty-five dollars to the Hon. Secretary of Synod."

The Rev. Wm. Prior presented the following Report of the Committee on Thanks, Greetings and Memorials:

1. Resolved, "That this Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca now in session wishes to convey its sincere thanks for the generous and splendid help given to the Diocese by the following societies and individuals:—

The Commissaries, M.S.C.C., G.B.R.E., C.S.S., W.A., Dominion and Diocesan, Huron Diocese, Wycliffe College, Toronto, C. & C.S.S., S.P.G., S.P.C.K., R.T.S., F.M.L., Fellowship of the West, Montreal and Toronto; All Saints Church, Peterborough; The Anonymous Donor, through and also to Mr. S. J. Attenborough, Diocese of Nova Scotia, Canadian Passenger Association, Rev. Frank Stone, M.A.; St. Paul's Church, Toronto; Canadian Churchman, Rev. T. W. Gibson, King's College, Halifax; N.A.R., C. Giddings, Esq., Mr. Frood, Lady Normanby, Miss Seaman, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Leonard of North Sexsmith. Newspapers within the Diocese, Friends in England who are supporting Hines Creek, Sexsmith and Fort McMurray, Mr. Butler, High Prairie. Coupled with our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the above parties for the kindnesses shown to us in the past year we would urge them to, if possible, continue their timely assistance.

2. Resolved, "That this Synod express and convey its thanks to the following: The Right Reverend A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., for the splendid and self-sacrificing efforts made both in England and in the Dominion, and for his inspirational leadership in the Diocese; The Venerable Archdeacon Little, D.D.; The Chancellor, whom we would also congratulate upon his elevation to the Bench; The Registrar, with congratulations on his appointment as K.C.; The Auditor; Miss Eva Hasell and her staff of co-workers on the Vans and at St. Nicholas House, Fairview

3. That an expression of sympathy be sent Miss Eva Hasell with reference to the tragic loss of her sister Miss Dorothy Hasell.

4. That the good wishes and compliments of the Synod be sent to: Mrs. I. O. Stringer, Bishop and Mrs. Robins, Bishop and Mrs. Renison Archbishop Owen and Archbishop Harding.

5. That greetings be sent to; The absent members of the Mac-

Kenzie Deanery, including Rev. S. G. West; Rev. A. H. Priest; Miss Drummond-Hay; and H. A. George, Esq.

6. That this 17th session of the Synod of the Diocese convey its sincere thanks to the Reverend and Mrs. E. Linfoot, Mr. and Mrs. Walker the Vestry, W.A. and other workers of High Prairie for the generous and splendid hospitality to the Synod.

Moved by the Rev. W. Prior and seconded by Mr. H. Dunster and Resolved, "That the Report of the Committee on Thanks, Greetings and Memorials be adopted."

The Bishop closed the Seventeenth Session of Synod with the Benediction which was followed by the singing of the Doxology.

The Synod Service was held in St. Mark's Church at 5 p.m. the same afternoon. The service was Choral Evensong, sung by the Rector, the Rev. E. Linfoot, L.Th.; Rural Dean Crawley read the Lesson. The sermon was preached by the Ven. Archdeacon R. Little, D.D. from Acts 2:42, "They continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." His Lordship, The Bishop of Athabasca, closed the service with prayer and the Benediction.

Historical Note

THE BISHOPS' RESIDENCES

The oldest highways of the Northland are naturally its rivers. Three of them, the Mackenzie, the Peace and the Athabasca flow through the area of our diocese. Our Bishops have always been travellers and so it is quite natural that their headquarters have always been situated on one of these highways.

Our first Bishop, the Rt. Rev. W. C. Bompas made his headquarters at St. David's Mission, Fort Norman on the Mackenzie river, in 1876. When the Diocese was sub-divided by the northern portion being made the Diocese of Mackenzie River, Bishop Bompas took charge of the northern diocese and the Rt. Rev. Richard Young became Bishop of Athabasca in 1888 and for seven years made his headquarters at St. Luke's Mission, Fort Vermilion on the Peace river. In 1895 Bishop Young moved his headquarters to St. Matthew's Mission, Athabasca. In his Charge to the Fourth Diocesan Synod in 1894 Bishop Young explains his reasons for making the change. Athabasca was proving to be the gateway into the North; it was a more favourable point for mail communications both from within and without the diocese and it was also the point through which our missionaries passed when entering or leaving the diocese.

St. Matthew's, Athabasca was the Pro-Cathedral for twenty years 1895-1915. In 1915 the Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins moved to St. James' Mission, Peace River Crossing. The Bishop was led in this decision by the changes in travelling brought about by the construction of the Edmonton-Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway from Edmonton to McLennan and the construction of the Central Canada Railway from McLennan in a northwesterly direction to Peace River Crossing.

Peace River Crossing has remained the "See City" for twenty-one years and has proved the most suitable centre from which the Bishops could administer the Diocese. This is easily understood when we remember that it is the only point in the Diocese where three highways converge, the Peace river, the railway and the government highway.

(APPENDIX A)

The Bishop's Charge

Reverend Brethren of the Clergy,
Brethren of the Laity,

Our mind goes back today to July 1934 at Grande Prairie, where we met together in the Sixteenth Session of the Synod of the Diocese, the Jubilee Session. It was a very happy and important gathering. We had as our special guest the Most Reverend I. O. Stringer, D.D., Metropolitan and Archbishop of Rupert's Land. We will never forget his visit among us, and that of Mrs. Stringer, whom we all learned to know and to love. Three months passed, and the saintly Stringer was called to his reward in Heaven. He was so happy as he moved among us, and his gracious manner and his inspiring words will always be a delightful memory. We all pray that God may be with Mrs. Stringer and her dear ones. We thank God for the life and influence of so great a missionary as Archbishop Stringer. A few months later the Lord Bishop of Qu'Appelle was chosen as Metropolitan and Archbishop. As a Synod we send to him our greetings and pledges of co-operation and loyalty.

In January of this year, soon after the completion of twenty-five years of loyal service to the Empire and his people, King George V. was called to the Eternal Home. We rejoice that God has given to our Empire so noble a king, and so wise a ruler. His people were drawn to him by his love for them. He had passed through critical and stirring times, but his courage and his trust in God gave a lead to the Empire, and with such a leader they did not falter. We pray God may be with our gracious Queen Mary, and all the Royal Family. Today we open our Synod under the rulership of a new king,—King Edward VIII. He is no stranger to our Empire or to Canada, for he has a ranch in the Province of Alberta. He is a world traveller, and every part of the Empire has welcomed him as the ambassador of our Commonwealth, and now we acknowledge him as our King. We proclaim our allegiance to him, and to the Empire over which he rules by the Grace of God, and we pray that God may be with him, and guide him and strengthen him in his great and important tasks.

Immediately after the Session of our Synod at Grande Prairie, the thirteenth Session of the General Synod of the Church in Canada was held in Montreal. Here we were received by the Bishop of Montreal and Mrs. Farthing, and it was probably the happiest and most successful General Synod ever held by our Church. Three out-standing changes were made.

First,—There was chosen the Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, D.D., as Archbishop and Primate of all Canada. This choice was received with general approval throughout the whole of our Church in Canada. No Bishop of our Church knows the Diocese of Canada as perfectly as he does, for he travelled throughout the whole of our wide borders as a member of the Anglican Commission. With great powers of leadership and with a saintly character, he begins his work, and we pledge to him our loyalty and our prayers.

It is rather strange that a motion by this Synod at its last Session suggested a complete change in the Pension Policy of our Church, and the very words of the motion of this Synod were used in the

APPENDIX A

motion at the General Synod, so that the Pensions for the clergy and for the Widows and Orphans should be based entirely on length of service in the active ministry of the Church, and not on the size of the salaries received.

The third great change as enunciated at the General Synod was made in the Constitution which refers to the choice and election of Bishops in the Canadian Dioceses of Honan and Mid-Japan. The new motion gave to these two native Churches the right and privilege of choosing native Bishops to preside over their respective Dioceses. This was a new and great departure, as an act of faith on the part of our General Synod. These two Dioceses in the Orient have already chosen native Bishops, and we believe that the wisdom of our General Synod has been amply justified.

Immediately after the close of the General Synod in Montreal, on the invitation of the English Societies, and with the permission and blessing of the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land, I went to England.

We were faced with the closing of four parishes, representing twelve churches, if money were not provided for grants in aid of stipends for the clergy of the Diocese. The Canadian Church, which had pledged itself to the Restoration of the Lost Funds, was unable to assist us in any way, and reluctantly, I was forced to go to the Old Land for help. I landed in England on October 4, 1934, and I began my work at once. I spoke and laboured on behalf of four English Societies,—the Colonial and Continental Church Society, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, and the Western Caravan Fund of Miss Hasell. I accepted a very heavy program, and I gave my best to the work. Both on Sundays and week-days I addressed an endless number of congregations and meetings, reaching from Dover to Carlisle, and from Bristol and Liverpool to Yorkshire. Everywhere I was received with the greatest co-operation and sympathetic hearing. Under God's blessing, and in answer to your prayers also, a remarkable response was forthcoming. The Colonial and Continental Church Society offered to quadruple its grant to the Diocese of Athabasca, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel received special offers of help for our Diocese, the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf agreed to pay the stipend of a missionary in the Diocese, and to build a hospital; while the Western Caravan Fund, under Miss Hasell, provided means for the purchase of a new Van. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge offered to complete the erection of one of our churches, and the Religious Tract Society sent out \$200.00 worth of Sunday School supplies pictures, and books. Money was provided through individuals for the erection of many new churches, the purchase of motor-cars for the clergy and the erection of rectories and rectorettes. Many organizations have sent clothes, church supplies, and books.

The most remarkable contribution, outside of the general Societies was made by the Rural Deanery of Waterloo and Bootle, Liverpool, under the inspiration and guidance of the Rev. Frank Stone, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Waterloo, Liverpool. Probably no such contribution has ever been made to any Diocese in Canada. It consisted of eight crates of Church furnishings and books; which included 8 tapestry frontals for churches, 32 frontlets, 8 sets of blue curtains, with rods, 8 sets of church communion plate, and 19 sets of private communion plate, all engraved and stamped with the name of the Diocese and donors, 8 sets of Altar linen each complete in itself; 8 tapestry Altar book cushions, 8 Oak Crosses each two feet high; 8 pairs of brass vases, 8 sets of artificial flowers, 48 mounted coloured pictures, 10 stoles, and various other gifts. A shipment of 250 new standard theological books was received as the foundation of a

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Diocesan Library for the Clergy. 60 copies of catalogues for this Library and 150 other theological books to be given to the clergy. Most of the work of embroidery was done in the Vicarage of Waterloo, where a score of women worked week after week in endless needlework. How can we ever adequately thank these wonderful friends for such a gift. We thank God for such help. It will give to our new churches a real atmosphere of beauty and worship, and we will have in some cases extra equipment for many of the old churches, for so many of them are almost like barns. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." I trust that this Synod will in a very special way send suitable notes of thanks to these Societies and individuals who have been guided to aid this vast missionary diocese in such wondrous ways.

It has been felt for some time that Eastern Canada should also receive a deputation from the Bishops of the West, and in pursuance of this policy I was asked to go East to the Dioceses of Huron, Toronto and Ottawa, in order that the members of the churches in these dioceses might know something of the crisis which we are facing in the West. Here again I received such a hearty welcome. Primarily acting under the M.S.C.C., we were instructed to help each Parish and each Diocese to raise its apportionment in full for our Missionary Society, but besides this, we received many special gifts which were earmarked for this Diocese. They also have sent clothing for the distressed settlers, and gifts of many other kinds. We are deeply grateful to these old Dioceses for their interest in the new Church in the Last Great West.

It is with great rejoicing, and with thankfulness to Almighty God that we are able to announce to this Synod the completion of the Restoration Fund. In 1932 the staggering announcement was made that our Church in the West had lost over three-quarters of a million dollars. The Church throughout Canada was thunderstruck, but with an undreamed-of courage, and with faith in Almighty God, it was resolved that the Church of England in Canada should immediately face the challenge, and though it was passing through the greatest depression that our Dominion has ever known, yet the appeal was launched. This decision was made largely through the inspiring leadership and unique organizing ability of the Rev Dr. Gould, the General Secretary of the M.S.C.C. He, along with well-chosen leaders, decided on a policy, and mapped out a campaign for the giving of information, the organization of committees, the collection of money, and the call to prayer. The campaign was to begin at Easter-tide of 1933, and to end at Eastertide, 1936, and, under the blessing of God, it has been done. It is interesting to note that the first sum of money to be received for the Restoration Fund came from an isolated poverty-stricken tribe of Indians at Old Crow, within the Arctic Circle, within the Diocese of Yukon, and thus began a flow of money which has been without precedent in the history of any church in the whole of Canada. Now, the funds are complete, and no new subscriptions are to be asked for, though all parishes are requested to collect unpaid promised subscriptions. These funds thus collected will be used to augment the Pension Funds of our Church, which are now almost depleted. It is expected that at an early date, some special Sunday will be chosen as a day of heart-felt thanksgiving for this unique and remarkable result. I call upon you all to have a share in this expression of gratitude to Almighty God. Our Diocese did not quite reach its full apportionment, but it has reached a creditable standing of 80 per cent paid in. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Among the many and generous gifts from the Old Land, I wish now to mention an outstanding one:

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The Diocese of Athabasca is the only Diocese in Canada, with the exception of the Arctic, which does not have the joy and pride of having a Cathedral or a Pro-Cathedral. Such a plan comes to us from centuries of custom and tradition, and we all know what the cathedrals of England mean to the life of the Old Land and to the whole Empire.

A Cathedral is "The Mother Church" of a Diocese. It is the church in which the Bishop's Throne or Chair—the cathedra—is placed. It is the Family House in which the Father in God of the Diocese is specially at home.

Life, including corporate life, must have some instrument through which to function and express itself. It comes into existence by expression. May we therefore think of the Diocese as a Family; the Bishop as a real Father in God; and the Cathedral as the Family House of the Diocese. A proper Cathedral is not a diocesan luxury: it is a necessity if a diocese is to have that unified spiritual life which is its aim. It should be and can be the centre of the religious life of the Diocese.

It should be a beautiful building. "Ought not simplicity of design and beauty of architecture to radiate from its sacred walls?" It should be the incarnation of the wondrous trinity of "values"—truth, beauty and goodness. Even on entering its portal, a stranger should be unconsciously impelled to kneel and to say—"God is in this place."

Usually such a church is erected by the contributions of every Parish and of every member covering years of time. Knowing that the Diocese of Athabasca could not possibly face such a task and instinctively realizing the need and necessity of such a building, the Anonymous Donor under God's guidance has offered to the Diocese, to every Parish and to every member of every Parish, a little Cathedral. The idea and the ideal were placed in the hands of Messrs. Twizell and Twizell, Vancouver, B.C., one of the best known firms of ecclesiastical architects in Western Canada and they have drawn plans which will give Alberta one of its most beautiful churches.

The Anonymous Donor will also furnish the Pro-Cathedral but has left to the Diocese and its friends in Canada the joy and privilege of supplying the organ; for she felt that we would all covet the opportunity of having a share, however small, in the undertaking. It is to be a Memorial Organ, dedicated to the memory of Bishop Bompas, the first Bishop of Athabasca and one of the most self-sacrificing Bishops the Anglican Communion has ever known. Along with this gift of a Pro-Cathedral, the Anonymous Donor has also graciously and generously offered to build a Parish Hall, and also to furnish it. This is not only a hall for the Parish of St. James' Peace River, but it will also be the centre for Diocesan gatherings of every kind. It will be a beautiful building, commodious and complete in every detail. I trust that the next meeting of our Synod will be held within its spacious walls. Personally I do not know how to begin to thank the Anonymous Donor and her representative, Stanley J. Attenborough, Esquire of Old London. I feel sure that you also are at a loss to know how we may adequately express our gratitude. Without a doubt this expression of thanks can best be given by the use which we shall make of the gift. At this point in this address may I ask you all to stand, and in prayer ask for God's blessing upon this wonderful friend who has presented to the Diocese these two buildings.

"Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the heart of thy servant to erect this house to thy honour and worship. Bless her, O Lord, and her substance, and accept the work of her hands; and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious

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work may show forth their thankfulness by making a right use of the same, to the glory of Thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

I trust it may be possible for all of you to meet on October 14th in Peace River, and have a part in the Consecration of this new Pro-Cathedral and the dedication of the Parish Hall. Mr. Attenborough is coming from London as the representative of the Anonymous Donor, in order that these two beautiful buildings may be formally presented to the Diocese. On his behalf, and on behalf of myself personally, we invite you all to be present on that day. It will indeed be a RED LETTER DAY in the history of the Diocese of Athabasca.

And now we turn to the matter of finances, and I do so without making any apology whatever. God's people are God's stewards. We shall be judged not only by how we make our money but by how we spend our money. I rejoice at the increasing number of parishes which are paying their Apportionment in full. Now that the Restoration Campaign is over, we can give our whole attention to the raising of the Stipend Apportionments, and the M.S.C.C. Apportionments for they are equally important. In the last six years the receipts of the M.S.C.C. from the parishes and dioceses of Canada have decreased by nearly \$100,000.00. In some dioceses of our Canadian West there are married clergymen who are receiving as low as thirty dollars a month, and every parish which fails to pay its M.S.C.C. Apportionment in full is responsible for this tragic condition. In regard to the stipend apportionments in this diocese, I am about to ask you to inaugurate a new policy. From henceforth, definite grants will be made to each mission parish, and these grants will not be increased,—in fact they will be gradually decreased, as prosperity returns under God's blessing. If a parish fails to raise its full stipend apportionment, then its faithful rector will not receive his stipend in full. Every other diocese in the whole of Canada acts on this policy, and now this diocese must be no exception. It is impossible for the Bishop, the Treasurer, and the Executive Committee to balance the budget under any other principle. The Bishop has no inexhaustible box from which he may extract endless sums of money. May I ask you, wardens and lay delegates to return to your parishes with the resolve under God's blessing you will not fail, for if you do fail, you are breaking faith with your bishop, and the rector who serves you. Your apportionments this year are the same as last year, with the exception of your payment to the Pension Fund which every parish is called upon to make. This sum is equal to that which is paid by your rectors, one per cent of his stipend, plus one-sixth of this sum if he has a rectory. In most cases this amounts to \$14.00 per year. This is in accordance with the motion which you passed at the last Session of the Synod, as recorded on page 8, when you accepted Canon XXIV., as related to the General Synod Pension Fund. May we specially ask that all payments to the Diocesan Treasurer, as far as possible, be made quarterly. Please do not hold these earmarked diocesan funds for ten or twelve months, and then send them in one lump sum at the end of the year. The Diocese has no reserve whatever, and you, by failing to make your remittances quarterly, are handicapping the financing of the Diocese.

There is one aspect of our diocesan life which I would emphasize:—The place of laymen, in our Church work, and parish life. The Church really belongs to them, not to the Bishop or to the rector. Bishops and rectors may come and go, but the layman goes on for ever. I therefore, very heartily welcome with deep joy the ever-increasing interest which the

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laymen are taking in the work of this diocese. This is being manifested in many ways; I am delighted that so many loyal and faithful laymen are willing to offer themselves as Licensed Lay Readers of the Diocese. I may mention that at the present time we have 14 such men, Capt. A. E. Roberts, F. M. Sanger-Davies, E. V. Bergin, Thomas Smart, Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Stanley Young, H. A. George, Harvie Yellowknee, Benjamin Billy Whitford, Arthur Funnell, Joseph Wheeler, R. C. Robson, Thomas Hewlett and J. W. Reynolds.

I trust that this year may see a large increase of such splendid men, who are of such real assistance to their Church and their God.

I would humbly urge the creation and organization of laymen's associations, not only in each Deanery, but also in each Parish. Let us give our men, these splendid churchmen, some work to do, and they will more than measure up to it. I would like to see a real forward step taken in this matter at this Synod.

I trust also, that the Diocesan Board of Religious Education may definitely meet during this Synod, if possible today, in order that it may bring in a report for tomorrow's session. The floods of last year prevented them from holding a meeting. The work among our boys and girls is perhaps the most important task which we face today. We neglect them at our own peril. There will be no church tomorrow, if we do not care for the youth of today. I call upon you all to give your prayerful thought and care to this problem.

May I now mention the changes which have taken place in relation to the clergy of the Diocese.

The following removals have taken place since our last session:

Rev. James Brodie, of the Parish of Spirit River, transferred to the Diocese of the West Indies.

Rev. Eric W. Jackson, from the Parish of Grande Prairie, to the Diocese of Colombo, India.

Rev. H. Innes Law, of the Parish of Berwyn, to the Diocese of Down and Connor, in Ireland.

Rev. Wm. Brant, from the Parish of Fairview, has given notice of his relinquishment of the Ministry.

Rev. A. F. Le Dieu, from the Parish of Mirror Landing, to the Parish of Wembley.

Rev. R. J. Pierce, from the Parish of Colinton, to Grande Prairie.

Rev. C. Franklin Clarke, has resigned as Missionary of Fort Simpson, but is still on the list of clergy of the Diocese.

We have received into the Diocese the following:—

Rev. John William Donaldson, from the Diocese of Toronto to the Parish of Spirit River.

Rev. Frank Edward Smith, ordained in the Diocese, and licensed to the Parish of Clear Hills.

Rev. Thomas Dale Jones, from the Diocese of Saskatoon, to the Parish of Colinton.

Rev. Hubert Doody, B.A., from the Diocese of Montreal, to the Parish of Fort Smith.

Rev. Henry George Cook, B.A., from the Diocese of Huron, to the Parish of Fort Simpson.

Rev. Gordon Eustace Bratt, from the Diocese of Caledonia, as Rector of Berwyn.

Rev. Samuel James Bell, ordained Deacon, and Licensed to the Parish of Hines Creek, as the first permanent ordained man, for that area.

Rev. Sidney George West, B.A., Deacon, Licensed to the Parish of Fort

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McMurray as the first permanent ordained man for that area.

Rev. Robert Cyrus Lang, from the Diocese of Montreal, to the Parish of Mirror Landing.

Rev. Herbert Ernest Webb, from the Diocese of Rupert's Land, to the Parish of Sexsmith, as the first permanent Rector of that Mission.

Rev. Henry Leonard Jennings, B.A., from the Diocese of Huron Licensed to the Parish of Fort Norman.

For this summer, we welcome to the Diocese the following students:

J. Douglas Paterson, of Wycliffe College, to Cherry Point.

J. Plowman, of King's College, to Grosmont.

W. Kibblewhite, of Wycliffe College, to Lac La Biche.

We welcome most heartily as workers under the Fellowship of the West, Toronto Branch, Rev. Jack C. Clough, of Toronto, Curate at Christ Church, Deer Park; and Mr. William Hills, of Toronto. They have been placed in the Battle River area, where they are doing excellent work.

I have tried in each case to conduct the Service of Induction as each Rector has come to his Parish. Apart from these Inductions I have consecrated St. Bartholomew's Church, Grimshaw, presented by Rev. T. W. Gibson, of London, England, in memory of his wife. Consecration of the Chancel of the Church at Fort Vermilion; Consecration of Burial Ground at Wabasca, (Rev. K. L. Sandercock); Consecration of St. Oswald, Sunday School Van, given by the Diocese of Gloucester.

I have laid the corner-stone of St. Mark's Church, High Prairie; and the corner-stone of the Pro-Cathedral of St. James', Peace River; both churches being given by the Anonymous Donor.

I have held 37 Confirmations, and 223 candidates have been confirmed. I would especially emphasize the necessity for long and careful and prayerful preparation of those to be presented for Confirmation. May I also urge that the most careful direction be given in the way of church work and church life after their confirmation, so that "they may not fall by the way."

At this point I wish to express my gratitude to all the clergy of the Diocese for their faithful, loyal, devoted service to Christ and His Church. I am very proud of the staff of clergy at the present time. So many visitors to the Diocese have expressed their admiration of these courageous young men, for with two or three exceptions they are all under thirty-five years of age. They face a difficult task day by day, and month by month. They go forth on their endless journeys by every possible means of transportation; by dog-team and snowshoe, boat and canoe, sleigh and buggy, horse-back and wagon, by motor car and on foot. They bravely face the bitter blizzards of the long winters, the burning heat of the summer, and the mud of the muddiest roads on earth. They never fail to do their duty. No Bishop ever had a more courageous consecrated group of clergy around him than has the Bishop of Athabasca. May God richly bless you, my fellow-workers in the Gospel, and grant you strength and guidance day by day in your endless tasks. I trust that soon it may be possible to augment your totally inadequate stipends. That is the next task of a financial character to which we must apply ourselves.

I will also pay tribute to all of the laymen of the Diocese who so devotedly co-operate with the rectors and their Bishop in the laying of foundations, and in the planting of the standard of the Gospel in this Pioneer Land. Laymen,—we deeply appreciate your service, and we express our thanks.

I find it difficult to express adequately my appreciation of the work of the Women's Auxiliary of this Diocese, under the able Presidency

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of Mrs. Robert Little. They are well organized, and they are just beginning to grow. To the Diocesan Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and to the Dominion Board, this Diocese owes a debt which it can never repay.

We are sorry that Miss Hasell is not present at this Synod, in order that we might express to her personally our deepest gratitude. We also deeply sympathize with her as she mourns the Home-Call of her dear sister, Miss Dorothy Hasell. May God give to Miss Eva Hasell the comfort and strength which alone can come from Him. At the present time there are four vans, manned by eight women, with three special permanent workers at St. Nicholas' House, Fairview, the centre of the Sunday School by Post.

I wish to thank personally my co-worker, Ven. Archdeacon Little, for his ever-ready help and advice. His knowledge of the Diocese is wide and accurate. To His Honour Judge Bury, our Chancellor, and to Mr. W. Dixon Craig, our Registrar, we extend our heartfelt thanks. Their services have been of the most valuable character, and their advice has been so freely and so cheerfully given.

As I close this address I would use the words from a recent issue of "The Peace Messenger".—

While I was in the Old Land last year, I found that the leaders of the Church along with so many faithful members were talking about "Evangelism," and were preparing by thought and study and prayer and more prayer for the winning of the British Isles for Christ and the Church.

What is "Evangelism?" "To evangelize is so to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accept Him as their Saviour, and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His Church." This is the primary work of the Church of the Living Christ. To this task, I call you all—clergy and laity, both men and women. This is fundamental and all-important. Many other things may be advisable and even necessary—the holding of services, the preaching of sermons, the collecting and making of money the endless round of meetings in Parish Halls—but are the nets full? Are they half full? Are they empty? We are all "fishers of men."

The Church is not only a redeemed Church, but it is a redeeming Church. Man cannot redeem himself; he cannot of himself achieve his higher destiny. "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" All else has failed. The weapons with which we have forged our own safety have been used for our destruction; the voices of hope, in which we trusted for leadership have turned and mocked us.

God will come into our hearts, if we will only allow Him to fill us and use us, and send us. We must be self-emptied if we are to be Spirit-filled. "Lord to whom shall we go but unto Thee. Thou hast the words of Eternal Life." I therefore call you all to PRAYER, that God, through the Holy Spirit, may prepare this Diocese for a Spiritual Awakening, that the spiritual life of every individual may be deepened and that many souls may be won for Christ and His Church.

"O Lord, revive Thy Work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years, make Thyself known; in turmoil, remember mercy."

I trust that our proceedings in the Sessions of these two days may be guided and blessed by Almighty God. From time to time I am going to ask you to pray with me for guidance and direction. We believe in prayer. Let us use this power at this Synod. I again welcome you, and I pray that the presence of the Holy Spirit may be with us hour by hour.

Your servant in Christ,
ARTHUR ATHABASCA.

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RURAL DEANERY OF ATHABASCA

BUILDINGS.—The church at Slave Lake, which was under water last year, has been moved to the new town site. It is now being repaired and will be ready for public worship next Sunday.

A new church has been built at Smith on the Highway, and a new frame church is being built at Colinton to replace the old log church erected about 25 years ago. It will be consecrated on the first Sunday in August.

The churches at Slave Lake, Smith and Colinton are on prominent sites and will, we feel, be very real witnesses to God in this land. Appropriate notice-boards will be placed outside each as soon as possible.

At Wandering River the lumber has been sawn and is on the site ready for building. A start has been made and it will be ready for the first service in September.

A log church is being built at Moose Portage.

At Smith a small one-roomed shack has been built for the use of the Rector this year. At Hondo a three-roomed log cottage has been built for Miss Drummond Hay, who is doing voluntary nursing under Church auspices. She helps with Sunday School and with playing the organ, cares for the needy and is useful in many ways in her district, which has a monthly service. The funds for the shack were provided chiefly by The Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, Miss Hasell and the Toronto W.A. The latter have been very generous with medical supplies also. Lady Tweedsmuir is keenly interested in the work, and has sent a box of medicines and some wall pictures. I should like the Committee on thanks to include Miss Drummond Hay. The Secretary of Synod will, no doubt, send her a letter.

In the Rectory grounds at Athabasca a new garage was built at Miss Hasell's expense for the Van St. Nicholas. Lumber from the old stable was used as far as possible. The parish has by her generosity a new stable and Rector's garage as well as one for the Van. The combined building thus built is painted to harmonise with the other buildings.

At Colinton the Rectory has been moved to a new site on the highway near the church. A plot of five lots has been fenced and looks very well indeed, while the house has had a new foundation and minor repairs.

CLERGY.—We welcome two new clergy, the Rev. Cyrus R. Lang, a priest of three years' standing, from the Diocese of Montreal, and the Rev. S. G. West, who has done good work in the Diocese for the past two summers as a student. Mr. Lang is at Smith and Mr. West at Fort McMurray.

STUDENTS.—Last year we had three students, Mr. Blackaller at Fort McMurray, Mr. West at Lac La Biche and Mr. Brown at Grassland. This year we have two, both very fine young men. Mr. Kibblewhite, who is stationed at Lac La Biche, was president of the Student Body of Wycliffe College, Toronto; while Mr. Plowman, who is working in the Athabasca district, has been sent to us by the Fellowship of the West Branch of Kings College, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is doing excellent work.

SERVICES.—Services are being held in 29 centres in the Rural Deanery of Athabasca.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.—We were privileged last year to have a visit from the Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E., the Rev. Harding Priest. Our Annual Teachers' Lunch Meeting was made to coincide with

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his visit, so that he had first hand information of the little schools. His address at the Conference and in the Churches were a real inspiration to us. Here I should like to say how much we appreciate the keen interest and able help given to our Sunday School work by some of our hard-worked day-school teachers. The ladies of St. Nicholas Van are helping considerably in our work among the children of the Deanery. Last year Vacation schools were held in two isolated districts. This year, after-school classes Vacation Schools and Training Classes for teachers have been held as a regular part of their summer work.

LAYMEN'S ACTIVITIES.—Laymen's Lunches are providing an inspiration to the Laymen of the Rural Deanery and to all of us. At last year's Lunch the men organized themselves. The secretary is with us and if time permits, I should like to have a word from him.

The first Sunday in July was Layman's Sunday with us, when the men conducted the services, read the lessons and preached in eight of our churches. It is a great privilege to have heard them. They brought a real message to the congregations.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.—The W. A. is quite active. There are 9 senior, 3 girls, 2 junior and 2 'Little Helpers' branches. There is an Annual Deanery Meeting of the W. A.. This year, the meeting began with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. at which 54 were present. In the afternoon 66 attended the session, with Mrs. MacArthur, Diocesan Treasurer, the chief speaker. Last Autumn we were privileged to have a quick visit from Mrs. Ferrabee, Dominion President, on her way from Yukon.

YOUNG PEOPLE.—The Annual Young People's Rally is becoming increasingly more important each year. It is held on the Sunday nearest to St. Patrick's Day. This year we began with a Corporate Communion at 11 a.m. At the afternoon service about 100 Young People were present. Papers on Missionary topics were read and discussed by the Young People themselves. It was a great joy to have a part in this delightful gathering.

MUSICAL FESTIVALS.—A taste of good church music is being developed in the Deanery through these Festivals. Much time has been spent in training both the adults and the children, but we feel that a valuable piece of Church Work is being done by this means. There are children's surpliced choirs at Wabiscaw and Athabasca.

SOCIAL SERVICE.—As in other years a great deal is done in the ordinary course of parish work. In particular, relief clothing has been distributed, the gift of Miss Hasell and church groups, W. A. branches and so on. We hope that this part of the work will diminish with the coming of good crops and fair prices.

There is a great piece of work to be done by the Church in making it possible for boys and girls, who may be future leaders, to get a higher education, beyond what is possible in the rural school. Particularly do we feel this about the Slavic population, and about children of Anglo Saxons who are not fitted for farming.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBERT LITTLE, Archdeacon, Rural Dean.

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RURAL DEANERY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

In the two years since the last session of Synod there have been several changes in the staff of the Deanery. The Rev. James Brodie has left Spirit River for the West Indies, and the Rev. Robert Strachan has left Wembley for the parish of Souris in the Diocese of Brandon. Both these men worked faithfully in their respective parishes, and their parishioners were sorry to see them go. In their place, Rev. J. Donaldson has been appointed incumbent of Spirit River, and Rev. A. F. Le Dieu incumbent of Wembley. In addition a new parish of Sexsmith has been constituted, and Rev. H. Webb appointed incumbent. The Deanery is glad to welcome these three men, and as Rural Dean, I wish to pay tribute to all the clergy now working in the Deanery; they are without exception thoroughly devoted to the work for which they were ordained, and in the face of considerable difficulties trying hard to fulfill their tasks. The four layreaders of the Deanery are proving themselves to be of the greatest assistance.

There are now five parishes in the Deanery, and one area in the care of a theological student during the summer months.

A new frame church has been built at North Sexsmith, under the direction of Mr. Leonard, who himself worked gratis every day for over four months during its construction. It compares favorably with any church of a similar type in the Peace River district. Improvements have been made in the interior of the churches at Spirit River and Wembley, and a rectory is in course of construction at Spirit River.

The religious education of the young is being given its proper share of attention throughout the deanery.

A Layman's Association has been organized, and two meetings have been held, neither of them very well attended, owing to bad weather on the first occasion, and the difficulty of finding a date convenient to each district for the second. A service of Witness held in the Speke Hall, Grande Prairie, on November 5, 1935, at which the address was given by His Lordship was well attended.

Services are being held, not regularly, but as often as possible in some 27 centres. The appointment of a student to the Cherry Point district, and a priest to Sexsmith, is a tremendous help. At the one end Cherry Point, Bonanza, Bay Tree and Gordondale, and at the other Buffalo Lakes, Sexsmith, North Sexsmith, Teepee Creek, the Bad Heart, and Mount Star, which for a long time received few services, and where Mr. Cockburn and Mr. Beattie did excellent work last year, are now being properly cared for. Services have been re-opened in Holy Trinity at Bredin and St. Barnabas' at Flying Shot, thanks to the co-operation of the vestrymen of Christ Church, Grande Prairie.

I believe that the greatest need is in the Debolt district. Between the Smoky River and Valleyview there live, to my knowledge thirty-nine families who call themselves Anglicans, that is, there are more families of actual Anglicans in this district than there are families which look to our church for ministration in the Parish of Wembley, according to the latest returns in my file. The only services they get are about one a month during some of the summer months, at the extreme eastern edge of this district. In Miss Hasell's report on the Debolt area in 1934 there occur these words: "An ordained man needed badly as soon as possible, at any rate before winter." Two winters have passed since then, and they have never even seen an Anglican clergyman or student. My recommendation is that a student be sent into this area next summer if funds can possibly be

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procured for this purpose. We are steadily losing ground in what was once a promising Anglican district. As Cherry Point and Sexsmith have been cared for since last Synod, I hope that by next Synod it will be possible to report that the Anglicans in the Debolt area are being cared for.

One other recommendation I would make, and it is that as soon as funds become available the travelling allowance which was formerly paid to the clergy be renewed. It would not only relieve them of a great deal of worry, but considerably increase the amount of work they could undertake.

R. J. PIERCE, RURAL DEAN.

RURAL DEANERY OF MACKENZIE RIVER

The Deanery of the Mackenzie, which was formerly a part of the Diocese of Mackenzie River was joined to the Diocese of Athabasca by the Provincial Synod in 1933, and the administration transferred in April, 1934.

This Deanery, which covers an area of some 400,000 square miles extends from Fort McMurray, where the railway ends, to Fort Norman, near the Arctic circle, with its eastern extremity well within the province of Saskatchewan.

In this great area there are now five established missions, with regular incumbents; and a sixth to be re-opened shortly.

FT. McMURRAY.—Here Rev. Sidney George West is just starting on a great work. Fort McMurray lies at the end of the railway and is the "Jumping Off Place", for the air service, which serves the North so efficiently. It is often described as the busiest air base in Canada and affords a wonderful field of opportunity for the Church.

FT. CHIPEWYAN.—At this point Rev. G. A. Crawley has endeavoured for the past six years to educate the children and to maintain the Church. The post, situated at the North-west corner of Lake Athabasca is maintained chiefly by the fur trade.

FORT SMITH.—At Fort Smith where we enter the North West Territories, the Rev. Hubert Doody, B.A., has recently opened a Mission.

HAY RIVER.—The Rev. Principal Singleton and a staff of workers maintain a home for Indian children at this point.

SIMPSON.—Simpson, the oldest mission in the North is occupied by Rev. A. Cook.

FT. NORMAN.—This Mission has been closed for a number of years but is to be re-opened by the Rev. Henry Leonard Jennings, B.A., this summer. The Rev. Mr. Jennings is at present on the first stage of his journey "down" to the Arctic.

In addition to these old established posts there are three distinct new fields of discovery, in gold and mining activity. Each of the three great lakes, Great Bear Lake, Great Slave Lake and Lake Athabasca, have been the scene of gold discoveries within the past few years. As yet we have no missions established in these areas.

G. A. CRAWLEY, RURAL DEAN.

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RURAL DEANERY OF PEACE RIVER

Since the last Synod in 1934 two more missions, hitherto worked by summer students and the nearest missionary, have been placed in charge of permanent clergymen. These are the Missions of Clear Hills and Hines Creek. The Rev. F. E. Smith of Wycliffe College Toronto, was appointed to the former in May 1935 and the Rev. S. J. Bell, of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, took charge of the Hines Creek Mission in May 1936. This brings the total of parishes or missions in the deanery up to seven with one Indian Residential School at Whitefish Lake, Atikameg P.O.

The Hines Creek Mission is without a church building of any kind at present.

The Fairview Parish (St. Helen's) has inaugurated a fund for a parish hall.

Christ Church, Berwyn has been moved further back from the corner of the lot to allow for the addition of a chancel. Grimshaw has a new church donated by Rev. T. W. Gibson, of England, on a site donated by the Northern Alberta Railway, and situated on the highway. St. Alban's Church, Three Lakes has been completed through a donation from the Anonymous Donor.

St. James' Parish, Peace River is the location of a new Pro-Cathedral and hall donated by the Anonymous Donor who also furnished both buildings.

St. Luke's Church, Fort Vermilion has been greatly improved by the addition of a chancel made possible by friends of the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf.

St. Mark's, High Prairie is also being replaced by a larger building presented by the Anonymous Donor and situated on land donated by Mr and Mrs. R. P. Butler. Windows and material from St. Peter's Church, Slave Lake (Lesser) were used in the new building. In the same parish a new church is also being built at Faust on land donated by Mr. Frood.

Under the subject of finance we have to note that in 1935 five of the six organized parishes paid the assessments in full and three parishes paid their Restoration Fund quota in full.

The Deanery Chapter meets twice each year when the procedure followed is an informal devotional service the first evening, followed, the next morning by Corporate Communion and a business session with a paper read by one of the clergy in the afternoon. The Laymen of the Deanery have an organization of their own which did not meet last year owing to inclement weather.

Sunday Schools are organized in all parishes. There are three Anglican Young People's Associations. This summer there were five boys' and girls' camps in the deanery. The girls of the Indian Residential School at Whitefish Lake are feeling pleased with themselves; in the Dominion-wide doll dressing competition organized by the Woman's Auxiliary they won the first three places.

There is need for a student at McLennan to also serve Donnelly Heights and a large new settlement south of Falher. There is also need for another student in the district served by the Sturgeon lake highway.

W. EDWARD HARRISON, RURAL DEAN.

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Diocese of Athabasca

GENERAL DIOCESAN ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1935

INCOME

Balance in Banks January 31st		\$ 195.41
S. P. G.	\$2,954.79	
C. C. C. S.	1,057.78	
M. S. C. C.	5,560.94	
St. Paul's Church, Toronto	778.50	
Nova Scotia, per M. S. C. C.	100.00	
Donations	309.45	
		<u>\$10,761.46</u>
Transferred from Special Account		5,200.00
From Diocesan Sources—For Stipend	\$3,018.95	
Missionary Assessments	780.70	
Beneficiary Fund	19.10	\$ 3,818.75
From Dominion W. A.—		
For Furnishing Rectories	\$ 135.00	
Rectory Repairs	300.00	
For Itinerating	100.00	
Upkeep of Motor Cars	100.00	
Mission Equipment	100.00	
From Legacy Carlisle Estate	144.26	\$ 879.26
For Building and Repair Purposes—		
Lady Normanby for Wandering River	\$ 120.75	
Mrs. Speke for upkeep of Speke Hall	49.65	
Mrs. Seaman for McIennan Cottage	24.60	\$ 195.00
Cheque Received to Forward—		
Rev. H. I. Law	\$ 5.00	
Rev. C. D. White	10.00	
F. M. L. for Miss Drummond-Hay	49.50	
Oxford Group	14.00	
The Binney Trust for Rev. C. F. Clarke	243.50	\$ 322.00
For Relief—C. S. S.	\$ 440.00	
Miss Gordon	100.00	\$ 540.00
Transferred from O. C. Fund for Student's Stipend		1,130.00
For O. C. Fund—M.S.C.C.	\$ 350.28	
Mrs. Warren	\$ 250.00	\$ 600.28
Sale of Horse		15.00
Friend in England per C.M.S. work at Ft. Chipewyan		49.80
Refunds—		
Provincial Synod	\$ 169.05	
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	34.31	
Indian Commission	20.30	
Bishop Sovereign	50.00	
Dr. Haslam	11.50	
Shoubridge Insurance Agency	1.15	
		<u>\$ 286.31</u>
		<u>\$23,993.27</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1935

EXPENDITURE	
Clergy Stipends	\$13,227.77
Taxes	417.52
Fire Insurance	551.80
Itinerating	607.06
Travelling	391.87
House Rent	110.00
Itinerating Equipment—	
Upkeep of Motor-Cars	\$ 92.25
Fairview Mission, Team of Horses	75.00
Clear Hills Mission, Saddle Horse	60.00
Colinton Mission, Set of Harness	53.00
Colinton Mission Buggy Pole	7.50
Wembley Mission, Cutter	25.00
Building	\$ 312.75
Missionary Assessments—M.S.C.C.	481.16
Missionary Assessments—G.B.R.E.	\$585.05
Missionary Assessments—C.S.S.	43.00
General Synod Assessment	50.00
Purchase of Land	\$ 678.05
Church Furnishings	4.17
Church House Furnishings	68.76
Printing and Typing	40.00
Stamps, Stationery and Telegrams	194.00
Transfer of Land Fees	250.40
Dept. of Lands and Mines	216.90
General Synod Year Book	14.00
Faith and Order Movement 1935 Subscription	13.00
Transferred to O. C. Fund—	11.29
Four Quarterly Grants M.S.C.C.	5.00
Mrs. Warren's Grant	\$350.28
Transferred to Relief Account	250.00
Transferred to Special Account	\$ 600.28
Refunds—Beneficiary Fund	540.00
Refunds—Bishop Sovereign	1 133.79
Refunds—Indian and Esquimo Commission	\$ 10.00
Amounts forwarded	
F.M.L. Grant to Miss Drummond-Hay	88.58
Binney Trust to Rev. C. F. Clarke	3.00
Mrs. Speke's Grant to Christ Church Gr. Prairie	\$ 101.58
Oxford Group to C.P. Association	49.50
Students—Salaries	243.50
Students—Travelling	49.65
Students—Itinerating	14.00
Students—Equipment	\$ 356.65
Auditor's Fee	1,110.10
Exchange on Cheques	\$280.25
Balance in Banks	56.23
	\$ 1,526.58
	10.00
	3.40
	2,125.49
	<u>\$23,993.27</u>

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Balance in Bank January 31st	\$ 264.36	
M. S. C. C.	1,024.67	
M. S. C. C. Takuoh Endowment	\$ 81.28	
Royal Trust Endowment	13.09	
	<u>\$ 94.37</u>	
Fort Chipewyan—Dept. of Education Grants	\$400.00	
Fort Chipewyan Mission	63.70	
	<u>\$ 463.70</u>	
Fort Simpson—Dept. of Interior Grants	\$175.00	
Fort Simpson Mission	498.16	
	<u>\$ 673.16</u>	
Fort Smith, Dept. of Interior Grants	375.00	
Hay River Mission	149.70	
Rent—Mr. K. M. Cooke, Fort Smith House	\$160.00	
Rent—Mr. McLeod, Fort Norman Property	50.00	\$ 210.00
Rent—Dept. of Interior Special	200.00	
Rent—Fort Norman	6.00	
Rent—Rev. C. F. Clarke	2.00	
Refund—Canon Vale	47.60	
Transferred from See House Account	2,140.00	
Bank Interest	4.95	
	<u>\$5,655.51</u>	

EXPENDITURE

Fort Chipewyan, Rev. C. A. Crawley—		
Stipend	\$1,304.75	
Travelling	37.50	
Freight	47.22	
Mission Freight	11.25	\$1,400.72
Fort Simpson, Rev. C. F. Clarke—		
Stipend	\$ 816.70	
Rev. H. S. Cook,— Stipend	687.75	
Rev. C. F. Clarke, Dept. Grants	250.00	
Freight	132.94	
Travelling	576.02	
Mission Freight	13.82	\$2,477.23
Fort Smith, Rev. H. Doody—		
Stipend	\$ 641.90	
Mrs. Midgley, Salary	343.00	
Freight	81.86	
Mission Freight	4.26	
Travelling	150.00	\$1,221.02
Telegrams	26.10	
Travelling	174.99	
Treasurer's Salary	300.00	
Dept. of Interior	3.00	
Fort Fitzgerald Tax	1.45	
Postage	.25	
Balance in Banks	50.75	
	<u>\$5,655.51</u>	

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ORDINATION CANDIDATES FUND 1935

INCOME

Balance in Bank	\$ 129.30
Church Anny. Bal. of Grant Received for Work in Diocese	216.00
Royal Trust	241.49
Transferred from General Diocesan Account	600.28
Bank Interest	2.87
	\$1,189.94

EXPENDITURE

Students Salaries	\$ 59.00
Transferred to General Diocesan Account for Students' Salaries ..	1,130.00
Bank Balance	.94
	\$1,189.94

SEE HOUSE ACCOUNT 1935 (Mackenzie River)

INCOME

Balance in Bank January 31	\$2,510.44
Bank Interest	42.10
	\$2,552.54

EXPENDITURE

Transferred to Mackenzie River Deanery Account	\$2,140.00
Balance in Bank	412.54
	\$2,552.54

ERRATA:—(Page 10). The Rt. Rev. William Carpenter Bompas resided for a time at Fort Norman, but after his consecration to the Bishopric of Athabasca he made his headquarters at Fort Simpson, also on the Mackenzie river.

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